

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clean Up Day 2021

Clean Up Day 2021 was a success! The City Council, Planning Commission, and staff held this event on Saturday, September 11 at the Donald Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thank you to GK Machine for helping to make the event a success by providing labor and equipment. A big thank you to everyone who donated money to help offset the cost of the event. The Council plans on holding the event again next September.



Street Maintenance



The Public Works crew recently stripped the speed bumps throughout town and filled some pot holes. To report a pot hole, please call City Hall. Be sure to have the name of the street and the nearest cross street. The City’s street maintenance is funded mostly by ODOT gas tax. You can see the street conditions report on the City’s website, under the Parks and Street tab.

To report a street light outage, you can either call PGE or complete it on their website <https://portlandgeneral.com/outages-safety/report-a-streetlight-problem>. It is best to have the pole number which can be found on the little metal badge on the pole.

City Calendar for October 2021

- Mon 4: City Council Work Session 6:45pm
- Tue 12: City Council Regular Meeting 6:45pm
- Fri 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
- Mon 18: Red Tags Delivered for Delinquent Acct. 10am
- Wed 20: Water Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. 10am
- Thurs 21: Late Fees Applied to Accts. 8am
- Fri 22: Water Meters Read
- Mon 25: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street
- Thurs 28: Planning Commission Meeting 6:45pm (if needed)
- Sun 31: Happy Halloween!



Thank you for everything Heidi! You will be missed! ~ Donald Staff

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DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Councilor’s Corner Councilor with Gerry Waller



Hello and Welcome to all my community friends!

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in

our Annual Clean Up Day Event! Because of you, we are a cleaner and more pleasing city! I would also be remiss if I didn’t thank each and every volunteer for this event. It is a fun day and so rewarding to see all the garbage leave our city! Special thanks to the fellows who picked up curbside for those of us who are not able to get our trash to the sewage plant.

I also want to remind you that the Donald Beautification Group (DBG) continues to meet each 3rd Monday of the month virtually. You don’t even need to leave home! We have been painting fire hydrants throughout the city. We are done for this year, but will start up again next year. Look for announcements this spring and enter a sketch of your design. The application can be found on the City’s website. Everyone is invited! I personally want to thank each person who has painted a hydrant. It is really fun to drive through town and observe the different designs.

The DBG is also working on fixing up the corner of Butteville and Main Street. This project is being done with donations and volunteer labor. If you are able to donate manual labor for this, please contact me at councilorwaller@donaldoregon.gov. Out with the weeds, and in with the beautiful!

The Council and Mayor are currently working very hard to find a new City Manager for our City. Please be watching your newsletters and announcements for your chance to participate in the selection of our new City Manager.

Until next time, I wish you all good health and happiness!

Councilor Gerry Waller

Last Day for City Manager Heidi



This is my last edition of the *Donald Monthly Record*. My last day in Donald is Friday, October 1st. I started working in Donald on March 1, 2012 and published the first newsletter in April.

Over the years this little paper has grown, just like the City of Donald. The tradition of the newsletter was something that I inherited, as will my successor. While the Council goes through the process for a new City Manager, an interim will be appointed. The Council is planning to involve the Donald community in the selection for the permanent City Manager. It is anticipated that this process could take several months. Overall, working for you has been an enjoyable experience and one that I will never forget. Some of the fondest memories are working with our excellent hardworking staff because they share a like mindedness of passion and dedication for community service. I encourage each person to get involved with your fantastic little City, which can range from reading the monthly newsletter, to picking up litter, shopping locally, serving on the Donald Beautification Group, or running for local office. It is also my passion to encourage the youth to think about working for a local government, the skill-sets needed range so greatly, but the mission of community service ties all local government workers together.

New Baby Julia!

Council President Katie Gonzalez and family welcomed new baby Julia to their family in August. Council President Gonzalez is happy and at home right now, enjoying being a mom of two girls. “I’m grateful for this blessing and look forward to the new adventures that this addition brings to our family.” Congratulations to Katie and her beautiful family on their new bundle of joy!



Summary of City Council Meetings

September 7th: Work Session— The Council met with Scott Dadson, Executive Director of the Council of Governments to discuss the hiring process for an interim City Manager and a permanent City Manager. They also discussed proposed edits to the Donald Employee Handbook, which are considered annually. They also

City Council	Term
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	2022
Councilors:	
Katie Gonzalez , President	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Alysha Irvin	2024
Lauren Ostrander	2024
Gerry Waller	2022
Mark Buzzard	2024

refined their work for Clean Up Day.

September 14th: Regular Meeting— The City Council had a busy meeting. To start, they conducted a first reading of an ordinance for updating the Development Code. This is carried over from their conversations from August. The Council is moving forward with an or-

dinance that upends the Planning Commission’s recommendation, this ordinance continues to allow for marijuana dispensaries in the downtown core. The Council’s concern is based on the potential revenue loss for the City if locations of dispensaries are limited. Under New Business, Council approved the following items:

- ♦ The annual Employee Handbook Changes,
- ♦ The Council of Governments contract to hire the interim and permanent City Manager, and
- ♦ A contract with Valley Credit Service, Inc. to work as a collection agency for outstanding accounts.

The Council discussed Councilor Troy Hellickson’s new Little Library and Food Pantry locations and designs. These new community boxes are slated to be up in October for use. They also had a presentation from Public Works Director Alonso Limones on how water meters work and are read automatically with a device that transmits the readings through radios.

September 29th: Special Session— the Council met about selecting an interim City Manager from a pool of candidates. They completed the second reading of the Ordinance for the Development Code update. Council heard the annual presentation from the City’s audit, which received a clean review.

Next Regular Meeting: October 12 at 6:45pm
Audio Recordings are posted on the City’s website.

Donald Beautification Group Work

The Donald Beautification Group (DBG) will start their work on plans for a holiday celebration in Donald. Last year, they put together a holiday car parade. With more time, and volunteers, it is possible to beef-up this successful event for this season. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact City Hall. If you have any other ideas for holiday festivities during COVID, you should join the DBG’s next meeting on Monday, October 18, at 6:30pm via WebEx. The DBG agendas, with instructions on how to join the meetings, are posted on the City’s Community Boards and website. A meeting link is also available on the City’s website under the DBG page. The DBG is in need of more members, all ages are encouraged to join!



New City Employee

The City has a new employee, Public Works Operator Terry Moore. He comes to the City with an extensive background working in heavy construction, including the installation of sewer and water services, and road maintenance and construction. Highlights of his work include building various parks including PGE’s Promontory Park, a park at Timothy Lake, and a park along the Clackamas River. Other work that he enjoyed doing includes sensitive habit restoration work, like on streams, waterways and dams. Terry is happy to be working in Donald for many reasons like the short commute to work and because he wants to contribute to bettering a community that is close to his home.

Backyard Burning Starts Oct. 15

- Open Burning Safety and Regulations: Aurora Rural Fire District Website: <https://www.aurorafire.org/burning-restrictions>
- Daily Burn Information Line: 877-982-0011
- The DEQ also has lots of information and links on their website about Outdoor Burning in Oregon. <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/Pages/Burning.aspx>

Keeping the Storm Drains Clear

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

The rainy season is coming, which means keeping storm drain systems clean is critical. The City is responsible for 50 catch basins and every year the Public Works Department goes around cleaning and inspecting all of these units. The storm drain system contamination is due to people disposing their trash on the side of the road, ditches and/or on the sidewalks. This trash can be aluminum cans, plastic wrappers, unwanted food, plastic bags and bottles, cigarette butts, paper items, and more unwanted items. Even small amounts of litter around your home, car, and neighborhood contribute to a big water quality problems and storm drain system failures. Trash clogs storm drains pipes and culverts, which cause flooding that can create big problems like damaging streets, homes or businesses. Some trash does pass through the storm drain system in the City and travels down to drainage ditch areas. Eventually, this trash ends up in our nearby creeks and rivers, harming drinking water supplies, wildlife, and even the recreational use of the waterways.

What can you do to help?

- ♦ Never put anything in the storm drain or ditch.
- ♦ Properly dispose of trash, before it becomes litter.
- ♦ Keep garbage can lids secure.
- ♦ If you see trash in your neighborhood, pick it up and properly dispose of it.
- ♦ Spread this message to others.
- ♦ Teach your kids not to litter.

Below are pictures of a catch basin in Donald. The left picture is the grate that you see in the street. The picture on the right is what it looks like under the grate. Notice the large pipe, where the water exits.



Harvest Gardens Project Update

By City Planner Holly Byram

What is all the activity on Main Street just east of downtown? The Harvest Gardens Planned Unit Development (PUD) was reviewed and approved following public hearings before both the Donald Planning Commission and City Council between May and July of 2020. The approved PUD includes 297 single-family homes, a multi-family development pad for 49-133 units, a commercial pad, open space, community gardens, play park, walking paths, community center, event space, etc. The “Agrihood” development was approved as 13 phases, built over 12 years. To date, both Phases 1 and 2 have been designed in civil plans



reviewed and approved by the City. Phase 1 includes 29 single-family homes. Phase 2 includes 20 single-family homes. These lots will range in size from 4,000 SF to 7,441 SF. Earth-moving has begun for the infrastructure; pipes, streets, sidewalks, paths, etc. The developer of Harvest Gardens estimates that these first 49 homes will be constructed between January and July of 2022. Phases 3 and beyond are contingent upon planned capacity upgrades to Donald’s water and sewer systems. Specifically a lagoon and a well will be required in the next couple years. The City is researching grant and loan options for these projects. The lagoon and well will both be necessary to serve other undeveloped properties within the Donald Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) over the next 20 year horizon. The Harvest Gardens developer is working in good faith with the City to participate in funding these projects. Additionally, all homes built in Harvest Gardens will pay System Development Charges (SDCs) which fund local infrastructure, including water, sewer, storm water, streets, and parks. To learn more about Donald’s utilities and SDCs, visit the City’s website at donaldoregon.gov, or contact City Hall at 503-678-5543.